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# **Highlights**

## **CURRENT SITUATIONS ACROSS CANADA**

"C" Division

## Barriere Lake Algonquins

Barriere Lake Solidarity Group is planning two separate rallies in support of imprisoned former acting Chief Benjamin Nottaway and the Algonquins of Barriere Lake. At noon on 2009-01-07, a protest is planned to be held at Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) in Gatineau, QC. This may be followed by a march to the Gatineau detention centre. A second rally is planned for 2009-01-08, also at noon, in front of Jean Charest's office in Montreal, QC. 1 (U)

1 www.barrierelakesolidarity.com

• Barriere Lake Solidarity Group is planning two rallies on Jan. 7 and Jan. 8, 2009, in support of imprisoned former acting Chief Benjamin Nottaway and the Algonquins of Barriere Lake. (U)

Previous demonstrations by the Barriere Lake Solidarity Group occurred at these locations on 2008-11-19 and 2008-11-21. The protests were largely peaceful and did not produce a lot of support. (A)

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## **RCMP ASSESSMENT**

On 2009-01-06, the Federal Court overturned a previous ruling and decided INAC Minister Strahl's decision to recognize new Chief Ratt can be judicially reviewed.8 This recent decision may temporarily ease tensions within the Barriere Lake First Nation community until the next court decision is made. However, it is anticipated support for former Chief Nottaway will continue while he is incarcerated. (A)

The last few weeks have been peaceful and it is expected that this will continue during the inclement weather months. (A)

Criminal Intelligence will continue to monitor events nationally and provide intelligence assessments as information becomes available. (A)

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## **Faits saillants**

## SITUATION ACTUELLE AU PAYS

## Division C - Québec

## Algonquins de lac Barrière

Le groupe Solidarité Lac Barriere organise deux rassemblements les 7 et 8 janvier 2009 pour manifester son soutien à l'ancien chef intérimaire Benjamin Nottaway et aux Algonquins de lac Barrière emprisonnés. Le 2009-01-07 à midi, une protestation aura lieu devant les bureaux du MAINC à Gatineau (Québec) et pourrait être suivie d'une marche jusqu'au centre de détention de Gatineau. Un deuxième rassemblement est prévu le 2009-01-08, également à midi, devant les bureaux du premier ministre Jean Charest à Montréal.1 (NC)

1 www.barrierelakesolidarity.com

#### 2008-12-18

• Le groupe Solidarité Lac Barriere organise deux rassemblements les 7 et 8 janvier 2009 pour manifester son soutien à l'ancien chef intérimaire Benjamin Nottaway et aux Algonquins de lac Barrière emprisonnés. (NC)

Le groupe Solidarité Lac Barriere avait déjà manifesté à ces mêmes endroits les 2008-11-19 et 2008-11-21. Les protestations n'avaient pas rallié grand monde et, de manière générale, s'étaient déroulées dans le calme. (A)

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## **ÉVALUATION DE LA GRC**

Le 2009-01-06, la Cour fédérale a renversé une décision précédente en donnant son feu vert à la révision de la décision du ministre des Affaires indiennes Chuck Strahl de reconnaître l'autorité du nouveau chef Ratt.8 Ce jugement pourrait temporairement calmer les tensions dans la communauté autochtone de lac Barrière, du moins jusqu'à la prochaine décision. Cependant, le soutien à l'ancien chef Nottaway devrait continuer tant qu'il est incarcéré. (A) Les dernières semaines ont été tranquilles et cela devrait se poursuivre durant la saison froide. (A)

7 www.terasongas.com, National Post, 2008-12-18; www.canada.com, 2008-12-20

Voilà l'exemple d'une société d'énergie qui travaille en concertation avec des communautés autochtones pour résoudre les conflits entourant la mise en valeur des ressources énergétiques, et dont on pourrait s'inspirer pour résoudre des conflits semblables. (A)

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Les Renseignements criminels continueront de surveiller la situation dans l'ensemble du pays et dresseront des évaluations au gré des informations qui seront reçues. (A)

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Highlights

CURRENT SITUATIONS ACROSS CANADA

"C" Division (Quebec)

Barriere Lake Algonquins

On 2009-03-16, approximately 200 persons concerned with the Barriere Lake community arrived at the Supreme Court of Canada in Ottawa, ON. 1 The federal court heard an application for the judicial review of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's (INAC) appointment of a third party manager.2 Approximately 50 people were allowed into the court room.3 Chief RATT and former Chief MATCHEWAN were present.4 Observers returned on 2009-03-17, the application was heard without incident.5 (A)

1 RCMP, 2009-03-16 1246hrs

2 PROS 2009-231956

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4 RCMP, 2009-03-16 1246hrs

5 INAC, 2009-03-17 1405hrs

• On 2009-03-16 approximately 200 people attended Federal Court in the Supreme Court of Canada to hear an application launched by members of the Barriere Lake community. (A)

The Barriere Lake community is divided on the issue of a judicial review of INAC's appointment of a third party manager. The courts decision will influence future action by community members. There is no indication that future actions will be anything but peaceful.

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## RCMP ASSESSMENT

Actions by the Barriere Lake community and supporters have been spawned by a wide range of issues. Barriere Lake First Nation, QC is involved in an ongoing leadership dispute, which resulted in protests as recently as 2009-01-07 and 2009-01-08.21 During this week's gathering in the Federal Court Section of the Supreme Court of Canada, emotions were initially high.22 RCMP members were present and there were no incidents to report.23 At issue is third party management. The third party manager was appointed by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) to ensure essential services are maintained through administration of the funding agreement and to support the Chief and Council.24 INAC's stated aim is to return control to Chief and Council.25 (A)

21 RCMP, "Aboriginal and Community Public Safety Situation Report", 2009-01-07, PROS:

200921999, CI-JIG Reference: 09/01

22 INAC, 2009-03-16 1604hrs

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Faits saillants

SITUATION ACTUELLE AU PAYS

Division C (Québec)

Algonquins de lac Barrière

Le 2009-03-16, quelque 200 sympathisants de la communauté du lac Barrière se sont déplacés jusqu'à la Cour suprême du Canada à Ottawa (Ontario) 1 où la Cour fédérale instruisait une demande de révision judiciaire concernant la nomination par le MAINC d'un tiers gestionnaire.2 Une cinquantaine d'entre eux ont été autorisés à pénétrer dans la salle d'audience.3 Le chef RATT et l'ancien chef MATCHEWAN étaient présents.4 Les observateurs

sont revenus le 2009-03-17 et l'audience a pris fin sans incident.5 (A)

1 GRC, 2009-03-16, 12 h 46

2 SIRP 2009-231956

3 GRC, 2009-03-16, 12 h 46

4 GRC, 2009-03-16, 12 h 46

5 MAINC, 2009-03-17, 14 h 05

• Le 2009-03-16, quelque 200 personnes se sont présentées à la Cour fédérale (Cour suprême du Canada) où devait être instruite une requête déposée par des membres de la communauté de lac Barrière. (A)

La communauté du lac Barrière est divisée sur l'opportunité d'une révision judiciaire concernant la désignation par le MAINC d'un tiers gestionnaire. La réaction des membres de la communauté dépendra de la décision de la Cour. Cependant, tout indique qu'elle sera pacifique. (A)

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# ÉVALUATION DE LA GRC

Les actions de la communauté de lac Barrière et ses sympathisants sont motivées par un vaste éventail d'enjeux. La Première nation de lac Barrière (Québec) vit une crise de leadership qui a mené à des protestations pas plus tard que les 2009-01-07 et 2009-01-08.21 Durant le rassemblement de cette semaine à la Cour fédérale (Cour suprême du Canada), la tension était élevée au début.22 Cependant, des membres de la GRC étaient présents et aucun incident n'a été signalé.23 La nomination d'un tiers gestionnaire est au coeur du débat. Celui-ci a été nommé par le MAINC pour assurer la continuité des services essentiels en administrant l'accord de financement et pour appuyer le chef et le conseil.24 L'objectif affiché du MAINC est de rendre le contrôle au chef et au conseil.25 (A) 21 GRC, Rapport de situation sur la sécurité publique des Autochtones et de la communauté, 2009-01-07, dossier SIRP 200921999, référence GMR-RC 09/01 22 MAINC, 2009-03-16, 16 h 04 23 SIRP 2009-231956 24 MAINC, 2009-03-17, 11 h 36 25 MAINC, 2009-03-17, 11 h 36 Protégé A

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#### CURRENT SITUATIONS ACROSS CANADA

"C" Division

Barriere Lake Algonquins

The Barriere Lake Solidarity group showed their support for incarcerated former Chief of Barriere Lake, Jim Nottaway, by organizing two peaceful demonstrations. The first demonstration occurred at the INAC headquarters building in Gatineau, QC on 2009-01-07 and a second one took place on 2009-01-08 at Premier Jean Charest's office in Montreal, QC. (A)

Approximately 30-40 supporters peacefully demonstrated at the INAC building by giving speeches, waving flags and handing out pamphlets. Supporters from the Canadian Union of

• Two demonstrations occurred on 2009-01-07 and 2009-01-08, at the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) headquarters building in Gatineau, QC and Premier Jean Charest's office in Montreal, QC. (U)

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Postal Workers, NDP MP Charlie Angus, and Elizabeth May of the Green Party were also present. 2 On 2009-01-08, approximately 25 demonstrators attended Premier Jean Charest's office, including supporters from the Public Service Alliance of Canada. 3 (A)

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Since October 2008, there have been six (6) reported incidents of civil protest or unrest concerning the dispute over the election of Barriere Lake's Chief. Protests are gathering more support from groups and individuals outside the Barriere Lake community. (A)

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## SITUATION ACTUELLE AU PAYS

Division C

Algonquins de lac Barrière

Le groupe Solidarité Lac Barriere a manifesté son soutien à l'ancien chef Benjamin Nottaway de lac Barrière, actuellement emprisonné, en organisant deux manifestations pacifiques. La première a eu lieu le 2009-01-07 devant les bureaux du MAINC à Gatineau (Québec) et la deuxième, le 2009-01-08, devant les bureaux du premier ministre Jean Charest à Montréal.

• Deux manifestations ont eu lieu les 2009-01-07 et 2009-01-08, devant les bureaux du MAINC à Gatineau (Québec) et du premier ministre du Québec Jean Charest à Montréal. (NC)

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De 30 à 40 sympathisants ont manifesté pacifiquement devant les bureaux du MAINC en prononçant des discours, en agitant des drapeaux et en distribuant des tracts. Étaient également présents pour les soutenir des membres du Syndicat des travailleurs et travailleuses des postes, le député du NPD Charlie Angus et la chef du Parti Vert Elizabeth May.14 Le 2009-01-08, environ 25 manifestants ont battu le pavé devant les bureaux du premier ministre du Québec Jean Charest; parmi eux figuraient notamment des membres de l'Alliance de la Fonction publique du Canada (AFPC).15 (A)